

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is simply egregious and is a clear example of manipulation made possible by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by LAW to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Lastly, and most importantly, if you do not intervene and prohibit Sinclair's abuse of OUR airwaves for their own political motives, you will be as guilty as they are in undermining our democratic process. How do you think Thomas Jefferson would look upon Sinclair...and you?